UGS Grants to Gujarat and Karnataka

1981. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been received by the universities and colleges in Gujarat and Karnataka from the UGC;

(b) the details of the criteria for receiving such grants; and

(c) the number of Degree Colleges which are not in receipt of UGC grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The UGC provides grants to eligible universities and colleges included under Section 2(f) and declared fit to receive Central assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

(c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC) there are 12 colleges in the State of Gujarat and 66 colleges in the State of Karnataka which have not been declared fit to receive Central financial assistance (including UGC grant) under section 12(B) of UGC Act.

Upgradation of Technical Institutions in Orissa

1982. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PMO *vide* their letter dated 15th January, 2004 has advised his Ministry to consider the proposal to upgrade one of the existing Technical Institutions in Orissa to the IIT and this matter has been pursued by the State Government with his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the status thereof and the time frame for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's Office *vide* their U.O. Note dated 15th January, 2004 requested to select one of the Engineering College in Orissa for upgradation to IITs and place it before the Committee formed for this purpose for consideration. Accordingly, the proposal was referred to the Expert Committee constituted

under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Joshi to identify promising academic institutions to be upgraded. The Committee considered the proposal received from Prime Minister's Office. However, based on stipulated parameters, the Expert Committee did not recommend any institution from Orissa for upgradation to the level of IITs.

Child Development Programme

1983. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have emphasized the need for proper planning and effective implementation of the child development programme;

(b) whether a two day national consultation of the State Women and Child Development Ministers and Secretaries was held in July, 2005;

(c) if so, the suggestion discussed and the decisions arrived at;

(d) the steps Government have suggested to the States in this regard; and

(e) the extent to which both the Centre and States are willing to cooperate in implementing these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The suggestions/recommendations made in the National Consultation *inter-alia,* include, Universalisation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme to focus on reaching out to children under 3 years; relaxation in population norms for sanctioning and Anganwadi Centre; joint training module for ICDS & Reproductive Child Health (RCH) programme functionaries; change in Anganwadi Worker's job chart to reflect focus on children under 3 years; resource allocation in ICDS for quality improvement. The States have been requested to implement the above recommendations expeditiously.

(e) Both, the Central and State Governments, renewed their commitment to implement the ICDS scheme more effectively during the consultation.

Review of UGC Scheme

1984. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has initiated an academic